

Noteworthy News

AUGUST 2011

Roy Stetler and Naomi Sease Carriker, Pastors Faith United Lutheran Parish

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The past few months have been tough for me. I knew that change was coming to the parish and that the change would result in some major loss. As Pastor Roy and I discussed the future of the parish, our sense of call, and our roles in the parish, it became clear to both of us that I would be the one to leave the parish at our time of transition. This was not an easy decision for either of us to make, but now that the decision has been made and it's out in the open, it is time to start thinking about the upcoming transition.

This transition will be tough for all of us. Pastor Roy will need to navigate his new role as solo pastor, St. John's Franklin will need to plan for worship leadership without Pastor Roy, and Emmanuel and Barren's will need to be patient as they learn how to share a pastor on Sunday mornings. Of course, through it all, we will be dealing with our grief of my departure on October 2nd.

Transitions always lead to grief. Whenever there is change, positive or negative, there is always loss. It will be difficult, in the coming months, to focus on the possibilities of this major change, while at the same time, giving ourselves a chance to grieve, both publicly and in private.

In my own grief I can still see amazing things that make this parish so special. The three congregations of the parish work incredibly well together. The ministries, worship services, and administrative tasks that the congregations of the parish share, make us very unique. True, we don't always agree, but we continue to work through our issues just like other church families. However, this parish has always been and will continue to be a unique family and for that I rejoice.

As a family, we will go through these transitions together, as a family we will face our grief, and as a family we will continue to put our hope and our faith in Jesus as we join together to worship God, to hear his word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Peace-Shalom, Pastor Naomi





24TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY - The 24th annual assembly of the Lower Susquehanna Synod was held **June 2 - 4** at Messiah College, Grantham, PA with Bishop B. Penrose Hoover presiding. Just over 700 people attended the assembly as voting members or visitors. The representative of the ELCA churchwide organization was the Rev. Dr. Ruth Hamilton, who serves as Assistant Secretary of the ELCA. Pastor Hamilton led the churchwide presentation, responded to questions submitted by voting members and preached at worship on Saturday morning.

Global Ministry Theme - The assembly theme was "God's Work. Our Hands – Throughout the World." Helping to reflect the theme was the keynote speaker, Lisa Baumgartner Bonds, Vice President for External Relations of Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The Bible study leader was the Rev. Daniel Ruth, Social Marketing Manager for LWR. During the assembly voting members assembled 844 personal hygiene kits which were donated to LWR.

Also present was The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Truscott, professor at Trinity Theological College, Singapore. Representatives our companion synod, the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, were Mr. Otinel Mlimba, General Secretary, Mr. Flaston Anytike, Director of Planning and Economic Development, and Ms. Lusajo Kanyamale, who will serve as a counselor this summer at Camp Kirchenwald, Colebrook, PA.

Members of the Harrisburg Sudanese Worshipping Community were recognized. Their worship leader is Del Akech Del, who is currently a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.



Worship and Consecration - On Thursday evening, a service of Evening Prayer with Remembrance of the Faithfully Departed was held to recognize those rostered leaders who have died since the last assembly. Word and Sacrament worship was held Friday evening. At this service, Sister Deborah McClellan was consecrated as a deaconess. Sister Anne Keffer, Directing Deaconess of the Deaconess Community of the ELCA participated in the consecration.

Assembly Actions

- Elected: Mrs. Lucinda Bringman, a member of St. James, Gettysburg, was elected to a four year term as synod vice-president. The Rev. Thomas McKee was reelected to a four-year term as secretary of synod. Other elections included members to the Synod Council, Gettysburg Seminary board and members of the synod's Consultation and Discipline Committees.
- Adopted and referred to the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly was a memorial which calls for peacemaking in Israel and Palestine. The memorial "encourages the church's members, congregations, synods and agencies to consider making positive economic investment in those Palestinian projects and businesses that peacefully strengthen the economic and social fabric of Palestinian society and avoiding any movement towards boycott, divestment and/or economic sanctions."
- Adopted was a task force report on a process for the election of the bishop. While the election process at the assembly will remain the same, added was a pre-assembly period for each of the synod's 14 conferences to raise up potential nominees for the office. The next election of a bishop will be held at the 2013 synod assembly.
- Adopted: a fiscal year 2012 synod budget of \$3,500,000 with 46.5% of that total going to the churchwide ministries of the ELCA.

Recognition of Good and Faithful Servants - Honored for fifty years of ordained ministry were the Rev. Douglas Boden, the Rev. Richard Dowhower, the Rev. William Jacobs, the Rev. George Knarr, the Rev. David Kovach, the Rev. William Krenz, the Rev. Guy Mehl, and the Rev. Richard Weaver.

Ministry Moments - A series of "Ministry Highlights" videos were shown to the assembly. These videos described the local and international mission and witness of congregations, conferences and agencies in the synod.

Assembly Offering - Offerings totaling \$5,419.27 were received. They will be equally divided between student scholarships for the Manow Junior Lutheran School in the Konde Diocese, Lutheran World Relief and the Bishop's Congregational Mission Fund.



PARISH PINCHOT CAMPING WEEKEND (June 3 thru 6) – FULP camping this June was another successful event. We had 41 campers and 66 people at worship Sunday morning. We are thankful for the new campers that joined us. They blended right in and became a part of us. We even made them cook and wash dishes! We had a cook-off to see who could make the best camping dish, but they were all so good it was hard to judge so we just pulled a name out of a hat and the winner was Deb Racer for her “hay stackers” Mexican dish. Really they were all delicious. Some of the events we enjoyed were kayaking, swimming, tie-dyeing T shirts, painting birdhouses, bike riding, walking, and of coarse eating, eating and more eating. If you could not join us this year, plan on joining us next year for the weekend or Saturday’s covered dish supper. Maybe it won’t rain.



PARISH STRAWBERRY & ICE CREAM SOCIAL – June 9 - The strawberry & ice cream social hosted by Emmanuel recently was a resounding success. The rain/hail did not dampen the attendance or the atmosphere, as there were over 60 people that enjoyed the cool treats and all the donated snacks from those that attended. Terrific fellowship was shared as the conversations were spontaneous and continued long after the ice cream was gone. Emmanuel would like to thank all those that attended and for donating the many wonderful snacks.

PARISH SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S WITH BISHOP HOOVER (June 12) – On June 12, the members of the parish and CLC Filey's welcomed Bishop Hoover, who joined us for worship at St. John's Franklin - preaching and presiding over communion. It was a wonderful Sunday filled with worship and fellowship.

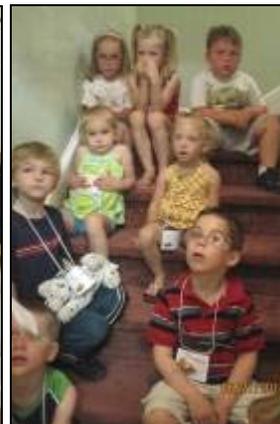


GOLDEN AGERS LUNCHEON – June 25 - Thanks to all who helped with the Golden Agers banquet in any way from donating food, cooking, serving, washing dishes, and especially to those of you who came to help make our afternoon a fun event. We do have some talented kazoo players in our churches!!! And some good little singers thanks Zoe and Natalie.



Golden Agers Luncheon

FULP/FILEY'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (June 19-23) – This year's Bible School (Pandamania) was full of fun songs with hand motions, bamboo, an altar piled with rocks topped with a chocolate bar sacrifice, a big, smelly fish, candy to remember the story of Hannah, decorations to remember the creation story, and several of Jesus' healings acted out by the older children. There were tie-dye hankies and other fun crafts and lots of yummy snacks and fun games. Several adults were spotted having a good time too...It was wonderful to share the fun (and effort!) with the children and members of Filey's. The puppets sang along and helped the children think about the animals from Asia and how they are part of God's creation. The only rain of the week came the night of closing ceremony during the ice cream sundae snack, and it was just enough to cool us off a bit. Thanks to all who helped and made the fun and learning possible, especially, Dawn, Amber, Tammy, Ellen (crafts and decorating!), Barb, Pastor Debbie, Whitney, Glenn, Sandy, Julie, Linda, and all the parents. During Bible School, we raised roughly \$200 dollars and collected some household goods to send to the people of Joplin, Missouri via the Lutheran Church there.



YOUTH POOL PARTY (JULY 13) - On Wednesday, July 13, the youth of the parish gathered for some fun at the Wagner's house. We shared wonderful food, went swimming in the pool, and ended the evening around a bonfire. A very special thank you to the Wagner family for inviting us all over to play!



UPCOMING COMBINED/PARISH SERVICES:

- **Aug 7** - 9:00AM Combined outdoor service at CLC Filey's Build Site. Bring your lawn chairs.
- **Sept. 4** - 9:00AM Combined outdoor service at Emmanuel.
- **Sept. 25** - 10:30AM Parish worship at Barren's (ABC Crew Celebration) and covered dish following worship in Church House.
- **Oct. 2** – 9:00AM Parish Worship at Emmanuel (Pastor Naomi's last day) and covered dish following worship at Franklinton Firehall.
- **Oct. 16** – 10:45AM Combined Worship at St. John's (Heritage Days)

CHURCH WIDE ASSEMBLY - "Freed in Christ to Serve" is the theme for the **2011 Church Wide Assembly** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and it is more than just a theme. It expresses the heart of our faith. In Christ we are both bound to be free from the power of sin, death and the devil, and free to be bound to God in faith and to our neighbor in service.

The grammatical nuance in "freed" (rather than "free") makes clear that our present status of freedom is God's work and it is already accomplished, as Martin Luther explained in the Small Catechism, "[Christ] has purchased and freed me from all sins."

Pastor Naomi will be attending Church Wide Assembly in Orlando, Florida as a voting member from **August 14-19**. See the September Newsletter for Pastor Naomi's reflections and thoughts on Church Wide Assembly.

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE - Following worship on **August 28** at all three congregations, all voting members will be asked to vote on the following proposal:

Due to financial difficulties, St. John's Franklin will need to reduce their payment into the Parish budget effective at the end of August, 2011. The members of St. John's Franklin desire to remain a part of Faith United Lutheran Parish by contributing to the parish budget at a new, flat rate of \$400/month (\$4,800/year). This new contribution rate will begin with the month of September, 2011.

St. John's Franklin will continue to be included in the following ministries: inclusion in monthly parish worship, inclusion in Parish events, host the Heritage Day Parish Service yearly, assist in leadership of the blessing of the animals, receive help with bulletins as needed, receive monthly Newsletters, continued committee involvement, continued Bible study involvement, emergency pastoral care, funeral leadership and care, visitation of shut-ins, participation in and continued hosting of mugs-n-muffins, and continued full participation on the parish council.

However, and most significantly, St. John's Franklin will no longer have Sunday worship led by a pastor called to the parish.

This proposal will result in a change to the financial structure of the parish budget and will impact individual congregational budgets. For example, beginning in January 2012, Barren's and Emmanuel will be paying significantly less into the parish budget. Due to the fact that this proposal will change the parish structure, members of the parish will need to vote to approve this change.

(The parish council and councils of Emmanuel and St. John's Franklin voted and approved on the above proposal on June 7, 2011. The Barren's council voted and approved the above proposal on June 14, 2011.)

If you have any questions, please contact your council presidents or your pastors.

TRANSITIONAL MATTERS - Beginning in the month of September, you will probably notice some more significant transitions in the life of the parish. We will worship together outdoors at Emmanuel on September 4 (Labor Day weekend) at 9:00AM. Sunday, September 11 & 18, Pastor Roy will be leading worship at Emmanuel at 9:00AM and then lead worship at Barren's at 10:30AM - this will be the new worship schedule for non-parish worship Sundays. Pastor Naomi will be modeling the lay-led worship at St. John's Franklin September 11 & 18. We will all join together for parish worship on Sunday, September 25 at Barren's at 10:30AM for the ABC Crew Celebration worship and then again the following Sunday (October 2nd) at Emmanuel at 9:00AM for Pastor Naomi's last Sunday.

HELP!!! - This coming September, Pastor Roy will begin leading Sunday worship at Emmanuel at 9:00AM followed by leading worship at Barren's at 10:30AM, this means that he will not be able to teach the **middle/high school Sunday School class**. PLEASE HELP teach these young members of our parish!!! If you are interested in helping to teach this class, please contact Pastor Roy.



FULP/FILEY'S CHURCH PICNIC - We will hold a joint picnic at Logan Park on Saturday, **September 10** from 10:00AM to 3:00PM with lunch around 12:00 noon. The hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided; please bring a covered dish to share. We will have games for all ages so bring along wrapped white elephant gifts to use for door prizes. Please mark the gifts for child, man, or woman. There are signup sheets at each of the Churches. Please sign up and let us know what you plan to bring so we will know how many to prepare for. Any questions contact Dottie Shultz, 766-0457 or Linda Gochenauer, 432-2115.

ABC CREW - Our Cross+Generational faith experiment group, the Affirmation of Baptism Celebration (**ABC Crew**), will be meeting one last time to learn about communion and matters of worship on Sunday, **September 11**, from 12:00-3:30PM. Our last meeting will need to be longer than usual because we need to plan our Celebration Worship which will be a Parish Worship at Barren's on September 25. Please contact Pastor Naomi if you have any questions.

PARISH YOUTH WII PARTY - The youth of the parish are again invited to Fort Awesome (Pastor Naomi's house) on Sunday, **September 18** from 2:00-5:30PM to play Wii. Please bring a snack to share and any Wii games you would want to play - we'll try to play as many games as possible. If you need directions to Fort Awesome, please contact Pastor Naomi.

DINNER AT HENRY & NAOMI'S: CLC Filey's is planning a trip to Henry & Naomi's in Newburg for a family style Amish dinner on **September 23** at 6:00PM. The members of Faith United Lutheran Parish are invited to join us for a delicious meal. This will be our third visit and we haven't been disappointed yet. The cost is: Adults - \$18 and Children ages 7 to 12 - \$9. You pay at the dinner. There is a maximum of 40 people, so please sign up soon if you plan to attend. To sign up contact Sharon Spahr, 432-3428, (sspahr3@verizon.net) or Dottie Shultz, 766-0457 (dshultz627@verizon.net). Join us for a delicious meal. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, September 11.

FALL MUSIC FEST – 7:00PM Saturday, **October 1** at Emmanuel is our 17th Music Fest. Featured this Fall, is a terrific line-up of musicians and vocalists:



- Starting with **Judy Cornman**, a terrific vocalist and accomplished pianist, she presents contemporary Christian music at its best, which is absolutely beautiful. She is a favorite and is back by popular demand.
- She is followed by **Hillbilly Heaven**, a group of both men and ladies that sing and play both contemporary Christian and Gospel music with a definite country flavor, featuring acoustic, rhythm, and bass guitars. You will be glad you heard them.
- Next is a ladies group, **High Praise**, who appear with us regularly and are also back by popular demand this Fall. They sing contemporary Christian music with the closest and tightest harmonies that you will ever hear. You won't want to miss them.
- Following them will be **The Faithful Men**, a group that sing contemporary Christian and Gospel music with their own special flair and harmony, and their personal witnessing is truly a blessing. To miss them would be a shame.
- Then it's on to **The Dietrich Brothers** that play and sing Gospel music with their own bluegrass flair. They feature a guitar, mandolin and a banjo, and these three young men are certainly a delight to hear.
- The anchor group is once again, **The Good News**, a gospel band that consists of 6 members that sing gospel music with a country and blue grass flare. They feature a mandolin, guitars, harmonica, fiddle and bass, and have both ladies and men singing some of the old gospel tunes that are familiar to all, in addition to new gospel songs composed by members of their own band.

All musicians and vocalists are appearing free and receive absolutely NO reimbursement. There will be a free-will offering which will go to New Hope Ministries. With the current economic climate, our intent is to raise as much as possible, and through everyone's combined efforts, give a generous donation to New Hope Ministries so they can continue to provide assistance to those in need. For any additional information, please feel free to contact Wally Foreman.

PASTOR AND SECRETARY - NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES – If you have not been using our new email addresses below, please make those changes now...our pa.net account expired in June.

<u>Name</u>	<u>New Email Address</u>
Pastor Roy Stetler	revstetler@gmail.com
Deb Racer	secretaryfulp@gmail.com
Parish/Deb Racer	secretaryfulp@gmail.com

GIANT GIFT CARDS – **Giant Gift Cards** are here! All three churches have a supply ready for purchase. See Woody Myers at Barren's, Sean & Zach Zinn at Emmanuel, and Nancy Bobb at St. John's.

PARISH DIRECTORY CHANGES – More changes for your Church Directory:

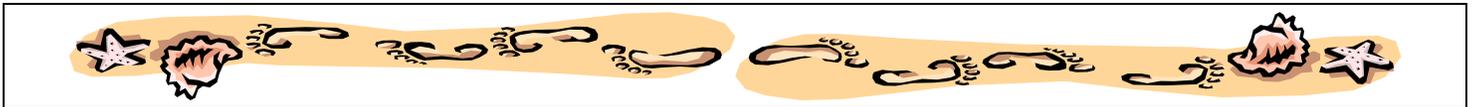
- Ken Anderson – **Passed away** Nov., 2010
- Marlin Henry – **Passed away** April, 2011
- Gayle Kolivras – New e-mail address: gkolivras@gmail.com
- Krysten Kolivras – Name change: **Krysten Simmons**
- Dorothy Lucas – New address is: **Bethany Village, 5225 Wilson Lane, Assisted Living #224, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**
- MaryJo Rodriguez – New e-mail address: mrod41402@gmail.com



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Fall is the perfect time to fall in love with your spouse all over again! That is what couples overwhelmingly report is the result of attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM and are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. Sign up now while there are still openings for one of the fall Weekends: **Sept. 16-18** at the beautiful Olmsted Mansion & Retreat Center in Ludlow,

PA, which is located in the Allegheny National Forest, 20 minutes southeast of Warren, PA, or **Nov. 4-6** at the Radisson Hotel Sharon, in West Middlesex, PA (currently undergoing extensive renovation and being re-named “Park Inn by Radisson.”) This is an outstanding facility located an hour north of Pittsburgh where all rooms have king beds and in-room hot tubs. To register for either of the Weekends, simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and sign up using your credit card, or for questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

“FILL THE WELL” RESULTS – Posted in *LutheranWoman* – Thank you for raising \$1 million for “Fill the well”! Because lack of clean water threatens the lives and livelihoods of 1.2 billion people, LWR introduced the “Fill the Well” campaign to raise \$1 million for water projects in 2010. Response was great and the goal was reached in only 11 months! Now 349,000 more people have access to water to keep them healthy and to irrigate their fields. Since the need for water continues in many parts of the world and since many families and congregations plan to continue their “Fill the Well” emphasis, this campaign will continue and more resources will be available at lwr.org/water.



VACATION PICTURES TAKEN WITH THE NOTEWORTHY NEWS!

Someone tell the Banner to step aside, here comes the Noteworthy News to the Grand Canyon! Pastor Roy with Ruth, Josiah, and Ben - Their recent vacation took them to National Parks and Sites in Southern Utah and Northern Arizona. Ask Pastor Roy and he will share his tiny cell phone pictures with you. The ancient ruins and land formations were wonderful to behold.





NEW HOPE MINISTRIES - Will you respond to the call, too? Our Summer Food Drive is underway to help stock our empty shelves. Please consider collecting donations of food and personal care items for New Hope at your place of business, church, neighborhood, or with your family.

The pantry shelves at New Hope are extremely low. They've asked that the churches in the Dillsburg area choose a food or product from a list to be received for the remaining weeks in July and all of August. **Jan Keslar, FULP rep.,** chose **Spaghetti.** FULP members, please give as much spaghetti as you can and as often as you can. This is in addition to the monthly food item(s) that was listed each month for the year. Thanks, any questions, call Jan Keslar 292-2295.



**New
HOPE
Ministries**

Food Pantry Grocery List

*Sharing Christ's Love by Meeting Human Needs
since 1983*

Items that are most needed by the food pantries ...
NOTE: Please clearly mark refrigerated or frozen items!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Juice and juice boxes <input type="checkbox"/> Dry milk <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable oil incl. spray <input type="checkbox"/> Boxed meal mixes (chicken helpers; home style bakes) <input type="checkbox"/> Canned ravioli or other canned pasta <input type="checkbox"/> Raisins <input type="checkbox"/> Ketchup and mustard <input type="checkbox"/> Mayonnaise, Miracle Whip <input type="checkbox"/> Powdered drink mixes <input type="checkbox"/> Pudding or Jell-O <input type="checkbox"/> Cookies or cookie mix <input type="checkbox"/> Canned chicken, tuna or beef stew <input type="checkbox"/> Instant potatoes; rice mixes <input type="checkbox"/> Canned vegetables <input type="checkbox"/> Canned fruit and fruit cups <input type="checkbox"/> Muffin, cake, bread mixes <input type="checkbox"/> Infant formula <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast cereals and pancake mix, instant oatmeal <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake syrup <input type="checkbox"/> Canned milk <input type="checkbox"/> Applesauce <input type="checkbox"/> Flour; sugar; brown sugar <input type="checkbox"/> Ground coffee; tea bags; iced tea mix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta <input type="checkbox"/> Macaroni and cheese i.e. Kraft dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Jelly or jam <input type="checkbox"/> Canned gravy <input type="checkbox"/> Saltine crackers; snack crackers <input type="checkbox"/> Salt, pepper <input type="checkbox"/> Popcom <p>Cleaning and Hygiene items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant (men's and women's) <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo <input type="checkbox"/> Dish soap <input type="checkbox"/> Shaving cream <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable razors (men's and women's) <input type="checkbox"/> Children's toothbrushes <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper; paper towels <input type="checkbox"/> Bar soap; shampoo; deodorant <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry detergent <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine hygiene products <input type="checkbox"/> Diapers, wipes, diaper cream <p>Pet supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Dog food <input type="checkbox"/> Cat food <input type="checkbox"/> Cat litter
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Meats of all types (beef, pork, chicken) fresh or frozen can be used if individually packaged.
 Fresh fruits and vegetables are always welcome.
 Milk and dairy products are in short supply but high demand.
 Family size is OK but please, **no bulk size items.**

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NOTE: Please clearly mark refrigerated or frozen items!



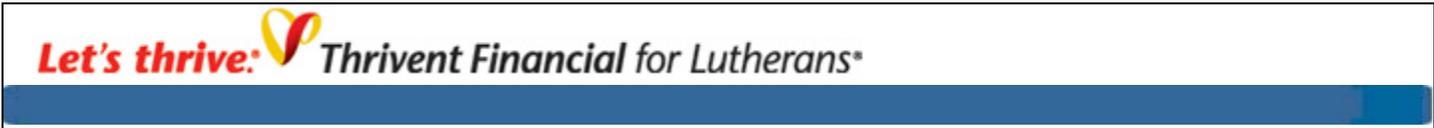


AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's
1 - Bev Gochenauer Matthew McCartney	4 - Pastor Roy Stetler	6 - Thomas Slothower
3 - Alexzander Trump	12 - Mary Jane Gochenaur	8 - Miriam Stayman
7 - Mary Lutz	15 - Charlie Erford Alaina Leonard	9 - Gail Berkheimer
9 - Mary Bensel	22 - Carol Rinehart	21 - Lorene Smith
15 - Judy Chronister Emily Rodriguez	26 - Jack Zeigler	
17 - Brian Fenicle	27 - Don Hefflefinger	
22 - Tony Wagner	28 - Ken Potts	
23 - Bill Eurich Neil Mummert	29 - Fay Fitton	
25 - Gage Mummert		
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28 - Ray Byers		
29 - Sondra Bentz		



THRIVENT FINANCIAL NEWS



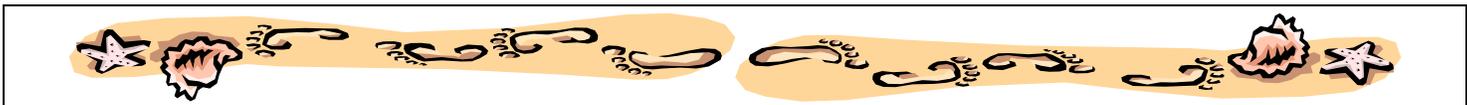
Enrich your life by helping others

If you're one of the 76 million baby boomers approaching retirement, you're probably in better health and are far more active than retirees of the past. If you're one of them, consider contributing your time, energy and expertise to one of the many volunteer organizations in your community.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities through its chapter programs. These opportunities give Thrivent Financial members and other Lutherans the chance to join together to meet individual and community needs.

So, next time you're thinking about retirement, think about your strengths, passions and special gifts. Then think about how rewarding it would be to share them. For instance, if you like building things or helping others, you might want to participate in a Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity project.

For more information about Thrivent Financial volunteer opportunities, contact Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, South Central PA Group at 717-502-1100 or Toll Free 1-877-674-1100. You may also email: southcentralpagroup@thrivent.com or visit Thrivent.com.





THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING

Thank you, Lois Diller and Jan Keslar, for helping put bulletins together each week throughout the year. Both ladies voluntarily give of their spare time to the church and the Parish and I appreciate all that they do. A special thanks to Lois who filled in at the office for me while my family was on vacation.☺

Deb Racer, Parish Secretary

We give thanks for the time, talents, and treasures given so generously by members and friends of FULP. Please take a moment to express your appreciation to these individuals for their service and gifts to the glory of God and to us:

- Thanks to Woody for rescuing Pastor Naomi from the ground hog. Thanks to Pastor Naomi for the good storytelling. Thanks also to Ralph, Woody, and Carl for their ongoing ground hog clearance efforts.
- Thanks and much appreciation to everyone who visits and cares for our homebound and ill. You are the hands and feet of Christ.
- Thank you to all who are getting to know our children and youth. They will likely better recall your kindness and interest than what you say or teach. We need not be anxious if we are motivated by love. Also, remember that youth are often more intimidated by “adulthood” than adults are by “youth.” Every adult was once a child. Might you spend a few moments thinking about your own adolescence?
- Thanks to all who made Emmanuel's Strawberry social possible with berries, ice cream, and goodies to eat with them.
- Thanks to all who put up the tents for the outdoor service at Emmanuel and for the yard sale on June 18th. Thanks also for all the work Dot Heiges put into the sale throughout the year.
- Thanks to those willing to serve with the parish planning group. Though we have already met once, there is room for more who can invest a small bit of time in order that we might plan together for future ministries and opportunities.

Pastor Roy Stetler



COMPANION SYNOD PROGRAM

Fifteen years ago, the sacred covenant agreement was signed between the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Over the years the relationship has grown as

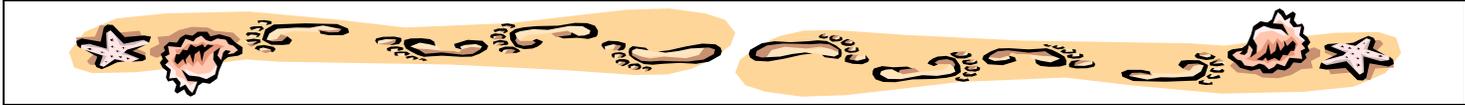


both churches have learned about each other, exchanged visits and offered support for important projects. Today the key items in the

relationship continue to be the building of relationships so that together we share the good news of Jesus Christ and raise up witnesses to share the gospel. Our support of ministries in the Konde Diocese are centered on education, health care and agricultural development.

Through student scholarships, youth who had no dream of getting an education are succeeding in secondary school and college. Hospitals and health clinics are able to remain open to treat medical issues as well as teach preventative care. And with the help of some small mechanized farming implements, more crops are being grown and cleaner sources of water are found and protected. Our exchange of visits have developed long lasting friendships which help us understand how God is working in each of our churches to serve and witness to the love of God in Christ. This valuable relationship has truly inspired us to “love one another as I have loved you,” both here in the synod and across the world.





FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<p><u>Barren's:</u> Due to transferring accounts to a different bank, figures are not available this month.</p>	<p><u>Emmanuel:</u> Total income for June: \$ 6,959.32 Total expenses for June: \$ 5,718.73 Balance of the Treasury as of July 1, 2011: \$ 8,795.10</p>
<p><u>St. John's Franklin:</u> General Budget through June 2011: \$ 18,940.00 General Giving through June 2011: \$ 13,335.00 General Expenditures through June 2011: \$ 17,896.00</p>	<p><u>Faith United Lutheran Parish:</u> Due to transferring accounts to a different bank, figures are not available this month.</p>



**Barren's Council Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2011 at Barren's**

Attendance: Linda Gochenauer, Doris McCauslin, Ellen Hampton, Whitney Trump, Dustin McKeever, Mary Jo Rodriguez, Carl Shearer, Kevin Hoke, Loren Swivel, Pastor Roy Stetler, and Pastor Naomi Carriker.

Approval of May Minutes – Whitney Trump – motion by Ellen, 2nd Dustin.
Comptroller report – Amber Shearer – May income/expenses to be reviewed at next meeting.
Pastors' report – on file.

Committee Reports

Property – Carl Shearer – Bell tower; Still looking into estimate for painting bell tower.

Old Business

- Summer cleaning date is set for August 6 from 8:00AM-12:00Noon
- Parish Planning Committee – from Barren's – Pam, Ellen, and Mary Jo
- Proposal for keeping the Parish – Motion by Loren, 2nd Dustin

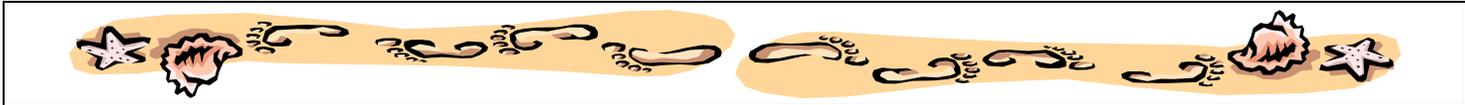
New Business

- June 2012 (Father's Day) bike fundraisers want to use church/church house as rest stop.
- Fundraising

Motion to adjourn by Dustin, 2nd Loren.

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Whitney Trump, Council Secretary





**Emmanuel’s Council Meeting Minutes Summary
(Full minutes posted in Church) June 7, 2011 at St. John’s**

Members Present: Jack Zeigler, Charlie Rinehart, Wally Foreman, Pearl Foreman, Ron Henry, Joan Hess, Jane Zinn, Pastor Naomi The meeting was called to order at 7:00 as Pastor Naomi opened with prayer. The Secretary's report was accepted by Pearl, seconded by Jane--motion carried. The Financial report was accepted by Charlie, seconded by Joan—the motion carried. (\$515 has been received in memory of Marlin Henry). The Pastors' Report was accepted by Joan, seconded by Pearl, with the motion carrying.

Old Business:

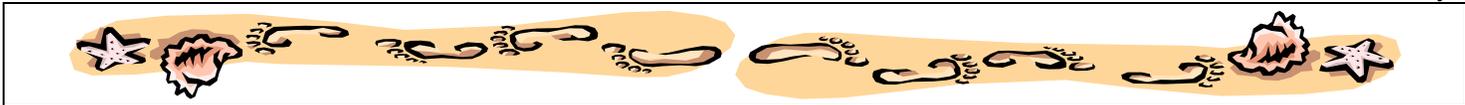
- Strawberry social on the 9th and yard sale on Sat., June 18th.
- Parish camping had a total of 41 campers with 63 present for the worship service.

New Business:

- Thanks to Dave & Pam Arndt for donating folding chairs.
- Starting in June, the monthly payment for oil will be \$303 dollars--a new cap will go into effect then.
- Graduates will be recognized and given \$50 checks.
- Discussion on the suggestion that St. John's pay a flat rate of \$400/month with no parish pastoral coverage for St. John's Sunday services because of their financial hardship. The balance of the parish budget would be paid 61% by Barren's and 39% by Emmanuel based on the baptized membership of each church as of 2010. Emmanuel's council gave its consent to this arrangement.

Joan motioned to close with Lord's prayer at 8:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Stetler, Secretary

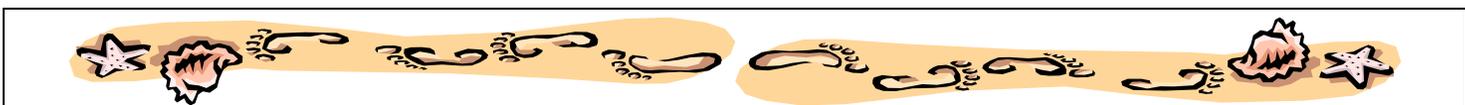


**St. John’s Franklin - Summary of Council Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2011 at St. John’s**

Discussions and actions taken at Council Meeting:

- Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and approved
- Spouting work has been completed.
- The new Cemetery area has been mapped with some additional adjustments to be made.
- June 12, 2011, Bishop Hoover, plans are finalized; Sandy & group are setting up on Wednesday morning; Wayne Fetto is doing the cake art for Giant bakery.
- Discussion of finances - Sandy Bachert suggested we give an updated report of our income giving and expenses for mid-year.
- A written proposal to Faith United Lutheran Parish has been prepared for presentation.
- Discussion concerning the Lutheran magazine subscriptions and whether it should be continued, tabled until next meeting.
- It was suggested that the Altar person and Social Hostess be listed in the bulletin or newsletter and also posted in the church. We will need more volunteers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Kolivras, Secretary





**FULP Council Meeting Minutes Summary
June 7, 2011 at St. John's**

Members Present: Pastors Roy Stetler and Naomi Carriker, Nancy Bobb, Carl Shearer, Gayle Kolivras, Jack Zeigler, Amber Shearer, Kevin Hoke, Clint Shearer, Joan Hess, Ron Henry, Marlene Stiffler, and Mary Jo Rodriguez.

Secretary's Report: Nancy Bobb - Marlene made motion to approve and Jack 2nd.

Financial/Comptroller Report: Amber Shearer - Amber reported that total income for May was \$11,457.08 and expenses were \$13,812.93. Joan made a motion to approve report and Carl 2nd. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Shearer - Carl reported that churches are all paid to date. Sold \$1,275.00 in Giant gift cards, Barren's loose offering \$39.50, Mother/Daughter banquet (in and out) \$1,285.00, Well project came to \$20.00, \$150.00 in other checks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fellowship: Meeting June 13th. The Golden Agers meal is on June 25th.

Congregation Report: Emmanuel's yard sale is planned for the 18th. Strawberry Festival planned for the 9th. 41 campers camped at Pinchot Park over the weekend.

Puppeteers: Will be at Pinchot Park July 10th.

OLD BUSINESS

- Carl has made his first deposit at PNC bank.
- St. John's brought a proposal before the parish council. They would like to stay in the parish but they do not have the money available to support their percentage of the agreement. Would it be possible for them to contribute only \$400.00 with the understanding that they would still be included in Faith United Lutheran Parish by participation/inclusion of the following ministries: inclusion in monthly parish worship, inclusion in Parish events, host the Heritage Day Parish Service yearly, assist in leadership of the blessing of the animals, receive help with bulletins as needed, receive monthly newsletters, continued committee involvement, continued Bible study involvement, emergency pastoral care, funeral leadership and care, visitation of shut-ins, participation in hosting mugs-n-muffins, and continued full participation on the parish council. Jack made a motion to accept proposal as written and Joan 2nd. Motion was carried. Kevin made a motion that St. John's actively participate and to be able to vote on parish matters. Joan 2nd and motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- On April 3rd Pastor Naomi was placed on her husband's health insurance. She needs to be removed from the insurance from the Parish. The person at the Board of Pensions was having a problem understanding Pastor Naomi. Mary Jo will call them and get the Parish's money returned.
- Church Windows is set up and running. Amber would like to have additional training for payroll. She could do this on-line. Marlene made a motion that she should have additional training and Mary Jo 2nd. Motion carried.
- Did you hear about Pastor Naomi and the groundhog?

Mary Jo made a motion to adjourn and Jack 2nd. Next meeting is 8:00PM at St. John's. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Bobb, Secretary





**Barren's Council Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2011 at Barren's**

Attendance: Linda Gochenauer, Doris McCauslin, Whitney Trump, Mary Jo Rodriguez, Carl Shearer, Amber Shearer, Clint Shearer, and Pastor Roy Stetler

Approval of June Minutes – Whitney Trump – motion by Amber, 2nd Linda.

Comptroller report – Amber Shearer – June income, \$8,176.25; expenses, \$9,075.49; net income, -\$899.24; June's income and expenses were approved, motion by Clint, 2nd Doris.

Pastors' report – on file.

Committee Reports

Property – Carl Shearer – Bell tower; Still looking into estimate for painting bell tower.

Old Business

- Summer cleaning date is set for August 6 from 8:00AM-12:00Noon
- Parish Planning Committee – from Barren's – Pam, Ellen, Mary Jo, Tammy, Doug, & Tom

New Business

- June 2012 (Father's Day) bike fundraisers want to use church/church house as rest stop.
- Fundraising

Motion to adjourn by Amber, 2nd Clint.

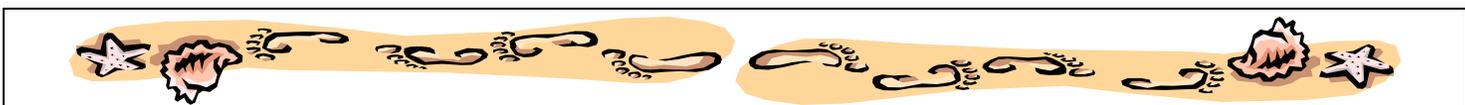
Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Whitney Trump, Council Secretary



E-TITHING FOR MEMBERS OF BARREN'S

The (Barren's) council has decided to start E-Tithing for members of Barren's. This will be through PNC Bank. Members do NOT have to have an account with PNC Bank to participate in this. We hope this will help us to reach out to our home-bound members, and others who are unable to attend services regularly. This should also help us in record keeping for a number of purposes, including taxes. Anyone who is interested in E-Tithing will need to fill out an authorization form, and the bank will take care of setting things up. With E-Tithing, our members can give bi-weekly, or monthly, and there are other options as well. This tithing will come directly from the bank account of the member's choice, and will be a direct deposit into Barren's bank account. Forms will be available as soon as we have our account set up. We will be sure to announce when these are available.





**Emmanuel’s Council Meeting Minutes Summary
(Full minutes posted in Church) July 5, 2011 at St. John’s**

Members Present: Jack Zeigler, Charlie Rinehart, Wally Foreman, Pearl Foreman, Ron Henry, Joan Hess, Jane Zinn, Pastor Naomi, Gail Stetler, Carol Hefflefinger, and Rhetta Zeigler. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM as Pastor Naomi opened with prayer. The Secretary's report was accepted by Carol, seconded by Rhetta--motion carried. The Financial report was accepted by Joan, seconded by Pearl—the motion carried. The Pastors' Report was accepted by Joan, seconded by Charlie, with the motion carrying.

Old Business:

- Strawberry social and yard sale both a success. \$200 from the yard sale will be sent to New Hope according to a motion by Wally which Carol 2nded and the council passed. Ron will also send checks of \$150 to Franklinton Fire Dept. and \$75 to Dillsburg EMS.

New Business:

- Discussion about Soccer nets on the church property to provide kids with a further recreational outlet. Perhaps Franklinton borough might purchase nets. Ron will look into liability coverage with the insurance co. Joan will check into the borough.
- Discussion continued about leveling the no longer used sand mound. Jack will ask around about codes concerning sand mounds.
- Discussion about parish planning committee and the possibility of a survey on future vision.
- Talked about the possibility of having an outside movie night at the church for local youth.
- Discussed transitional/severance issues (due to financial hardships) surrounding Pastor Naomi's departure.

Joan motioned to close with Lord's prayer at 7:56PM.

Respectfully Submitted, *Gail Stetler*, Secretary

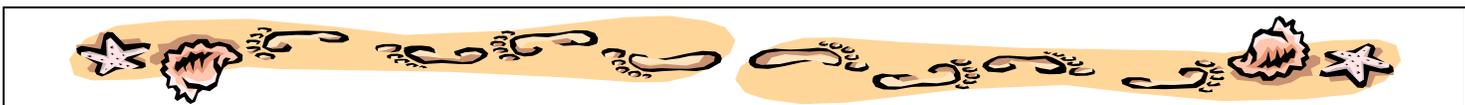


**St. John’s Franklin - Summary of Council Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2011 at St. John’s**

Discussions and actions taken by Council:

- Council President Marlene called the meeting to order.
- The secretary’s report from June meeting was approved.
- The Pastors’ reports were submitted.
- Cemetery: Sites are being laid out and corner markers need to be installed in the far upper corner, Marlene will be following up on that work.
- A letter concerning the interest of continuing subscriptions for the Lutheran Magazine will be prepared by Sandy and distributed to members.
- A volunteer sign-up sheet for church duties will be necessary and available for member’s signatures.
- Church envelopes have been ordered.
- A discussion ensued on the state of the church and how the services and worship will be handled after Pastor Naomi’s employment ends in October. More information will be sent to members and questions can be discussed with Pastors or council members.
- Summer bulletins for worship were shown and discussed.

Prepared by *Elaine Fetro* as acting secretary





FULP Council Meeting Minutes Summary
July 5, 2011 at St. John's

Members Present: Pastor Naomi Carriker, Nancy Bobb, Carl Shearer, Gail Stetler, Amber Shearer, Jack Zeigler, Marlene Stiffler, Elaine Fetro, President Clint Shearer, and Joan Hess.

Secretary's Report: Marlene made a motion to approve minutes and Jack 2nd, motion carried.

Financial/Comptroller Report: Total income for June was \$15,141.17 and expenses were \$2,584.27.

Treasurer's Report: \$1,375.00 in Giant cards, \$15.00 loose offering from St. John's parish event, \$43.00 from camping, and a \$60.00 donation from Christ Lutheran towards church picnic.

Pastor's Report: Posted for review in the churches.

Special parish council meeting: Meeting was held on June 20, this was to discuss the transition that will be happening in the parish. Motion was made, to approve minutes from meeting, by Joan and 2nd by Gail Stetler, motion carried. Minutes will be posted in the churches.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Congregation Report:

- Emmanuel is considering whether to have an outdoor movie night for the community, a soccer field for interested parties, and upgrading the basketball area.
- The parish event on Oct. 2 will be held at Emmanuel (Pastor Naomi's last day) and they are discussing renting Franklinton's Firehall.
- St. John's has a list of supply pastors and lay people put together by Pastor Naomi.

Youth: Morgan Wagner will be hosting a pool party for the youth. Pastors are working on events for spring to keep the program going.

NEW BUSINESS

- It's Tuesday: Do we want to continue with this event since Pastor Naomi made the schedule? Council would like some opinions from the congregations and this will be discussed at a later meeting.
- Summer bulletins: We will be using different settings and different bulletins for the summer months so Pastor Naomi and Deb can devote more time to transitional matters.
- August 7 will be a parish event with CLC Filey's at their building site, circumstances permitting.
- Pastor Naomi submitted a letter to be sent to congregation members concerning changes in the parish. Council discussed letter and made a few changes. Jack made a motion to accept letter with the corrections and Joan 2nd. Motion carried.
- Carl asked council if they would like to place an ad in the Dill Pickle. Marlene made a motion to place the ad if the times of services would be corrected, Gail 2nd and motion passed with the corrections.
- Jack made a motion to pay Pam Arndt a fee for supplying at St. John's and Emmanuel during Pastor Roy's absence. Gail 2nd motion and motion carried.

Joan made a motion to adjourn and Gail 2nd.

Next meeting is August 2, 8:00PM at St. John's.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Bobb, Secretary



August Parish Worship Leadership

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Aug 7	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site
Aug 14	TBA	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy
Aug 21	Pastor Roy	Pastor Naomi	Pastor Naomi
Aug 28	Pastor Naomi	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy

Lector

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Aug 7	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site
Aug 14	MaryJo Rodriguez	Jack Zeigler	Marlene Stiffler
Aug 21	Linda Gochenauer	Kevin Zinn	Marlene Stiffler
Aug 28	Clint Shearer	Sean Zinn	Marlene Stiffler

Acolyte/(Crucifer at Barren's)

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Aug 7	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site
Aug 14	Emily Rodriguez/TBD	Carisa Harner	N/A
Aug 21	Logan Racer/Gage Mummert	Gavin Zeigler	N/A
Aug 28	Arlana Racer/RaeAnne Mummert	Zach Zinn	N/A

Greeters/Ushers

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Aug 7	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site
Aug 14	Holy Ensor & Jessica Johnson	Jan Hosler & Rhetta Zeigler	Florence Kitner/Nancy Bobb
Aug 21	John Hampton & Alison Zeigler	Jan Hosler & Rhetta Zeigler	Florence Kitner/Nancy Bobb
Aug 28	Bob & Kay Fest	Jan Hosler & Rhetta Zeigler	Florence Kitner/Nancy Bobb

Altar Guild

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Aug 7 (Green)	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site
Aug 14 (Green)	Florence Byers & Judy Klugh	Darlene & Pete Hershey	Clea Hoffman
Aug 21 (Green)	Florence Byers & Judy Klugh	Darlene & Pete Hershey	Clea Hoffman
Aug 28 (Green)	Ellen Hampton & Marcy Renshaw	Darlene & Pete Hershey	Clea Hoffman

Flower Donors

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Aug 7	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site
Aug 14	The Racer Family	TBD	Elaine Fetro
Aug 21	Bob & Linda Gochenauer	TBD	William Smith
Aug 28	Mary Bensel	TBD	N/A

Nursery

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Aug 7	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site	Worship @ Filey's Bld. Site
Aug 14	Marcy Renshaw	Jan Hosler & Deb Fager	N/A
Aug 21	Jenny Stine	Barb & Jack Zeigler	N/A
Aug 28	Deb Wolfgang	Dottie Heiges & Ron Henry	N/A



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Deadline for September 2011 Noteworthy Newsletter is Monday, August 15.

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Newsletter

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